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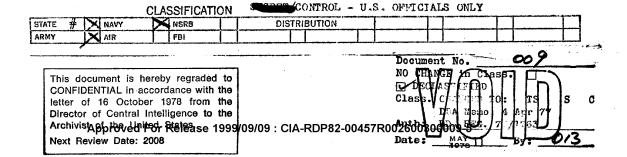
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- 1. The primary objectives of the Belgian Communist Party were outlined by Xavier Relecom at the Congress of the Brussels Federation of the BCP, held on 26 February, 2 March and 3 March. The Party should combat the war-like maneuvers of the Western Powers directed against the USSR. The Imperialist Powers had attempted to establish themselves in Belgium, chosen as a testcase, through the medium of the Benelux agreements, the 5-Power Pact, and finally the Atlantic Pact. Such action proved that the Capitalist Powers were not as strong as they were at the end of the war. Proof of their weakness in Belgium lay in the increasing unemployment there which had reached 300,000. Every Communist should do his part to aid the unemployed and should campaign to force the government to grant the unemployed 83 francs a day instead of the recently established 72 francs. Every effort should be made to overthrow the Spaak government.
- 2. Members were informed that the Party must function as a closely-knit unit in order to attain its objectives. The decrease in Party membership could not continue. In 1948 the listed membership of the Brussels Federation was 6277, in 1949 only 4200. The fact that only 10% of the listed membership was really active in the Party had to be remedied. The professional groups, sections and cadres must be more effectively organized. The February strikes failed because the workers had no confidence in their leaders and the leaders had no confidence in the success of the strike. Members were again urged to join unions and to gain control of them. It was pointed out that the Christian workers unions were much stronger than the Communist unions. Nonunion members were told that, if they did not join unions, their party cards would be withdrawn.
- 3. Section leaders protested that effective Party organization could be achieved only if the Federation supported the sections sufficiently. When, for example, the committee of the Etterbeek Section resigned as a unit, the Federation took no action. The section leaders further stated that too great a gap existed between the Party leaders and the mass of the Party. In addition, closer liaison was necessary between the section leadership and the groups of the section.

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4. Elections were held for the Federal Committee, the Political Commission and Representatives Commission. The membership of these groups is as follows:

#### Federal Committee

Xavier Relecom Albert Van Loo Jules Vanderlinden Aron Raindorf Suzanne Gregoire Antoine Laurent Odile Berghmans

Maurice Delogne

Edmond Struyf
Jean Vannuffelen
Desire Dekeersmaeker
Andre Renard
Joseph Degreef
Francois Vandergoten
Francois Dewit

#### Political Commission

Devillers Loomans Adam Henri Laurent Haest Vandekerekhove Dewinter -Taufstein Stephanie Wolf Raimbaut Vanuffelen Struyf Bernard Doignies Delogne Molle

Melle Thonnard Crockaert Dekeersmaeker Relecom Van Loo Vanderlinden Suzanne Gregoire Raindorf Loona Motquin Closset Dewit Roelandt Depyper Odile Berghmans Guy Vanderhaegen Culot

#### Mepresentatives Commission

Chappar Theys Alice Vandergoten J. B. Boulanger Raoul D'Hoedt Gooskens Bernard Fabry

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